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United Church

Empress—
Sunday School, 2:00 p.m.
Evening Service, 7:30 p.m.
Bible Class, 11 a.m.
Social Prizes 2 p.m.
Leland 4 p.m.
Rev. A. J. Law, B.A., Pastor

Aids to Horse Breeding

Two new aids to horse breeding were discussed at a meeting held in Calgary. One, a federal scheme, will be to place high-class stallions of the three breeds at each of the experimental farms, provide free service to a limited number of breeders. The other was suggested by the Hon. Geo. Hoadley as a provincial experiment scheme which might possibly be inaugurated, namely, the purchase of young stallions not eligible for registration but otherwise sound, and the placing of these in pioneer districts. This would meet a need in many outlying points in the Peace River country, where there were 43,000 people who had to have horses.

Test Seed for Germination

Farmers would be well advised, with the approach of spring, to have all seed intended for sowing tested for germination. Indications are that this advice is much more necessary than usual. Samples were reported to be not only of low germination, but are slow and irregular as well. This may mean a late, uneven emergence, weak plants, proneness to insect attack, weak, thin, ragged stands, and uneven maturity.

Weather of the past week which had been on the cold side, changed to milder on Monday, and Tuesday and Wednesday water began to lay on the streets as the warm weather melted the ice left by the previous thaw.

Dr. F. W. Gershaw Asks for Bridge

Member for Medicine Hat Requests Consideration for Bridge

Ottawa, Feb. 28 (Canadian Press)—Little time was needed in the House of Commons tonight for the passage of \$234,700 for harbors and rivers in Ontario and \$11,000 for the same work in Manitoba. The request of Dr. F. W. Gershaw (Lib. Medicine Hat) for consideration for an inter-provincial bridge in his constituency was responsible for deferring passage of an item of \$10,000 for harbors and rivers in Saskatchewan.

The report on Dr. Gershaw's request from "Hansard" is as follows:

Dr. Gershaw: I should like to direct the attention of the minister to the fact that a bridge is very badly needed across a river near the town of Empress at the junction of the provinces of Alberta and Saskatchewan. The bridge is on a main highway; it would be of great service to tourists and would be of particular help to farmers in that district. The river is crossed by a ferry at that point, which is very unsatisfactory. This matter has been before the various departments for two or three years, and I should be very glad if the minister could give some indication as to whether such a work could be considered and the steps that should be taken in order to have the department undertake it.

Mr. Stewart (Leeds): A bridge wholly within a province—

Mr. Gershaw: This is between two provinces.

Mr. Stewart (Leeds):—or between two provinces is not in the first instance a dominion matter. The only contribution the dominion ever makes is when two provinces get together and agree as to the necessity for the construction of the bridge. They agree to contribute to the cost; they approach the dominion and in some in-

Art Exhibit

The Art Exhibit which was shown here on Friday and Saturday, in the charge of Mr. E. J. Garner of the extension department of the University of Alberta, was viewed by many people and all of the pupils of the local school. The exhibit was a very fine one and aroused keen interest in those who saw it. Included were part of a collection of valuable Scottish oil paintings, collection of Oriental tapestry panels, collection of unfinished water-color paintings by E. C. Leighton, and oil and water-color paintings by Alberta artists. On Saturday evening, Mr. Garner gave a lecture to a very fair attendance of the people on works of interest in the collection. He explained the strong and weak points in several of the paintings; the artist's efforts and view points in his work, and the growth of interest in painting which was taking place in the province. His talk was interesting and instructive.

The exhibit which is being displayed at many points in the province, is sponsored by the Carnegie Trust Fund. The showing was in the United Church Sunday School room. Mr. Garner reported a very fair attendance for the two-day showing at Bindloss. Cold weather was a deterrent to people attending from the country.

Novelty Bonspiel

A novelty bonspiel has been under way during the past week and was concluded on Tuesday night. Nineteen rinks were entered. The interest was keen throughout the games. The rink skipped by E. Saunders, which included M. Farn, W. Saunders and Miss Hutchinson, won first prize. Second prize was won by B. Horn, skipping with O. Clark, Miss M. Arthur and B. Barry.

Hospital Notes

Mr. John Wicks, of Social Plains, who has been critically ill following a recent operation, is improving.

Mr. B. Landon, of Leader, underwent a tonsil operation this morning.

Mr. Louis Wilhelmson, of Buffalo, who was seriously injured last week, is considerably improved.

Christine Miller, of Preble, who underwent an operation for appendicitis on Wednesday, February 28, is doing as well as can be expected.

stances, where the traffic is heavy and circumstances warrant, some contribution is made by the dominion. This is never done on the initiative of the dominion, it must be started by the provinces concerned, who must agree as to the need for the work and as to their contribution to the cost, and in some instances the dominion makes a contribution.

I move that the committee also report progress, and ask leave to sit again. This item might stand in the meantime.

Mrs. Wilhelmina V. Acton

The funeral service of Mrs. Wilhelmina V. Acton (nee Toots Clark) beloved wife of W. H. Acton, of Innisfree, Alberta, who passed away at the family residence on Monday, February 19, at the age of 38 years, was held on Thursday afternoon at 2:00 o'clock from Andrew Bros. funeral chapel, corner 112 St. and Jasper. Interment took place in the Edmonton cemetery, and the Rev. Dr. Mitchell officiated. Beautiful floral tributes were received from: The family; Aunt Sarah and Louise; Mr. and Mrs. F. Anderson; Evelyn and Aunt Jane; Mother; Mr. and Mrs. O. C. McIntyre; Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Acton; Dr. and Mrs. Colwill; Mr. and Mrs. G. F. Watcher; Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Esch; James Glancy; Earl Rows; Dr. and Mrs. Mercer; Mr. and Mrs. Neil McIntyre; Mr. and Mrs. C. C. McIntyre; Both and Monty; J. B. Orbell; Supt. Bank of Commerce and Staff, Calgary; Bank of Commerce Staff, Innisfree; Manager and Staff, Bank of Commerce, Edmonton; Manager and Staff, Canadian Bank of Commerce, Vegreville; Manager and Staff, Canadian Bank of Commerce, Prosser; United Church Board, Innisfree; Mr. and Mrs. Ted Olsen; Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Durwood; Mr. and Mrs. D. J. Dickson; Mr. and Mrs. Atkins; Mr. and Mrs. Hall; Mr. and Mrs. H. Hoyle; Andy Ruth and Dick; Mr. and Mrs. Don Eaton; C. M. Doon; Mr. and Mrs. John Gordon; Kathryn and Boys; Brodie family; Noy and Billy; Dr. Dowler; Reg. and Violet; Empress Hospital Staff; Empress I.O.D.E.; Empress Ladies Aid; Empress Board of Trade; Members of Rockyford Lodge A.F. and A.M.; Mr. and Mrs. J. Black, Gleichen; Mrs. James Hunter and Arthur; Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Wilson, Rockyford; Mr. and Mrs. T. Burt, Rockyford; Mallock Family; Mrs. Matheson and Mr. Sturrock; Mr. and Mrs. Demarest; Mr. and Mrs. Jimmie Garbett; Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Usher; Claude and Jessie; Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Hamilton; May and Harvey; Mrs. Donald McRae; Rumsy; Mrs. Kerr and Lillian; Mac Griffiths and Beulah; Esham; Don, Phyllis and the Girls; Grosfield; Grace and Frank; Mr. and Mrs. G. B. Smith, Willingdon; Mr. and Mrs. Frank Lane, Ponoka; Mr. and Mrs. Law Miller, Hilly Hill; Mr. John Hall and Family; Mr. and Mrs. T. O. Hall; Charles and Mary Markie; C. A. Deacon; Mr. and Mrs. George

Care and Management of Brood Sows

Exercise, a well-balanced ration, minerals, and dry, well-ventilated, inexpensive sleeping quarters are essential to the health of the sow and prospective young. Attention to these points is necessary in successful and profitable hog raising.

Experimental tests have proven that sows are closely confined during the pregnant period often give birth to weak, baby, weak pigs, lacking in vigour, with heavy mortality as a result.

Variety in ration ensures health, supplies the necessary food nutrients for all the vital organs, and materially reduces the quantity of feed required per day.

In certain districts, the home grown grains do not contain enough calcium and phosphorus, and for that reason it is strongly advisable to keep a recommended suitable mineral mixture before the brood sows. At the Dominion Experimental Station, Rosthern, the amount of mineral consumed by all [cont. on back page]

West and family; Dick and K. Fowler, Oids; Kiltwain Lodge A.F. and A.M.; Innisfree; Mr. and Mrs. McDonald and Ian. She leaves to mourn her loss besides her husband, her mother, Mrs. H. Clark, of Edmonton, two sisters, Mrs. W. G. Munro of Edmonton and Miss Hollis N. Clark of Innisfree, one brother, Alex. L. Clark of Edmonton, Andrews Bros. funeral directors.—Journal, Edmonton.

Forster Urges Pearce Scheme For Relief

William Pearce Scheme Urged by Hand Hills Member, as Relief Project

Urging that the William Pearce Stock Watering Scheme be undertaken as part of a relief work programme, Gordon Forster, M.L.A. for Hand Hills, proposed the following motion in the Assembly on Thursday:

"Whereas the survey carried out by the Dominion Government in connection with what is known as the William Pearce Stock Watering Scheme, establishes the feasibility of diverting water by a large canal from the Red Deer River to Sullivan Lake, and from there through smaller canals and creeks to serve a large territory in the eastern part of the province north of the Red Deer River; and Whereas the district which would be supplied with water under this scheme, has been subject to severe drought, to such an extent that creeks and sloughs are now entirely dry;

"And Whereas the Dominion Government was responsible for opening up this territory for settlement;

"And Whereas the construction of such a system would be a considerable factor in relieving unemployment in the province;

"Therefore Be It Resolved that this Legislature recommend to the Dominion Government that they seriously consider undertaking the scheme as a relief measure, so that water may be made available for stock-watering and small individual irrigation enterprises in the territory mentioned."

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Forms may be procured from any Provincial Government Office, or from any bank, or direct from the Superintendent of Income Tax, Edmonton.

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Russian Spokesman Says Soviet Army Will Be Victorious In Any War

Moscow.—Soviet Russia to-day has the "most highly mechanized army in the world" and will be "victorious in any war in which we are compelled to participate," commiserated for war, according to a statement before the All-Union Communist party congress. He was outlining the Soviet's defenses and the measures being taken to repel a possible invasion.

"Despite our diplomatic efforts we have not yet succeeded in convincing Japanese ruling circles that peace is better than war," the spokesman declared.

In language which left no doubt that the red army's high command was convinced that war with Japan is probable, Voroshilov declared that fortifications had been erected at strategic points on the far eastern border, through which "it would be difficult for any invader to penetrate," and that armed forces had been "increased" in that region.

Retreating the charge Japan was preparing Manchuria as a military base for future operations against the U.S.S.R., he said, "this compels us to prepare for eventualities. War with us will not be easy for Japanese military circles. It would be a big and costly war for the invaders."

Propose Wage Investigation

Hon. Chas. Stewart Would Probe Industrial Activities

Ottawa.—Hiding behind tariff protection, some Canadian manufacturers have made excessive profits throughout the depression yet paid the lowest wages in history to their employees, it was charged in the house of commons by Hon. Charles Stewart, former minister of the interior. He proposed a sweeping investigation into industrial activities, along the lines proposed for chain and departmental store buying practices.

"I am credibly informed," said the former Alberta premier, "and I am going to ascertain the truth of the matter, that in western Ontario there is an individual engaged in production of silk stockings and silk underwear, who stands to make a profit well over \$200,000 in the year and he is paying the lowest wages he ever paid."

There was need of an investigation to stop extravagant profits and low rates of pay, said Mr. Stewart and at the same time, to determine how manufacturers were hiding behind tariff protection.

Seek Lower Freight Rates

Crow's Nest Rates Asked For Grain Moving Westward

Ottawa.—Designed to provide lower freight rates on grain from Fort William to the Pacific coast, an amendment to the Railway act will be introduced in the house of commons by Thomas Reid (Liberal, New Westminster).

The bill would make the Crow's Nest rates, now applying on grain moving eastward from Calgary to the head of the lakes, applicable to grain shipments from Fort William to Vancouver.

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"In my judgment," Senator McNeil said, "no European war is a certainty within five years." In suggesting an early withdrawal from the League of Nations he expressed the opinion that "no Canadian life should be sacrificed on the future battleships of Europe."

Senator McNeil served with distinction during the Great War as quartermaster-general of the Canadian Canadian forces. He holds the rank of major-general. His state-

President Of C.N.R.

Official Announcement Of Promotion Of S. J. Hungerford Has Been Made

Montreal.—Official announcement of the promotion of S. J. Hungerford to the presidency of the Canadian National Railways was made here by Hon. Charles F. Fullerton, chairman of the trustees.

Mr. Hungerford had been acting president since July 20, 1932, following the resignation of Sir Henry Thornton, who died later in New York City. Mr. Hungerford also carried on his former duties as vice-president in charge of operation since that date.

Mr. Hungerford has been acclaimed as a thorough railwayman since the days when, in 1886, he trudged with his dinner pail to the South-Quebec, to start his career as an apprentice.

In due course he became a machine operator and then started moving steadily on until in 48 years he has become president of one of the largest railway systems on the North American continent.

Not Extravagant

Says Chain Unfounded That West Has Been Extravagant

Ottawa.—Allegation that the western provinces had been extravagant in governmental expenditures were unfounded, John Brown (Lib., Lacombe) told the house of commons as he spoke in the debate on the address in reply to the speech from the throne. He was the only speaker.

Mr. Brown cited figures to show that both current expenditures and bonded indebtedness had increased to a greater extent in Ontario and Quebec in the last 20 years than in the western provinces. The plight of the west was due, he said, to depressed conditions of world trade for which the Bennett government was partly responsible and to natural disasters, drought and the grasshopper plague.

Receives Letter From Queen

Cambridge Mass Offered Gift When Royal Car Stalled

Cambridge, England.—Mr. and Mrs. Percy Timmons have received a letter from the queen. Her Majesty expressed to the Timmons her grateful thanks for their assistance when the queen's automobile broke down on the road between Cambridge and Ely. On that occasion Mr. Timmons transported the queen in his little sedan from the stalled royal limousine to the queen's destination in Cambridge.

What Canada Has Gained

Toronto.—One thing Canada had gained by the recent years of depression has been passed through was the resignation of trade routes and the formation of new trade channels, according to the monthly crop report, compiled for the Ontario department of agriculture by S. H. Symons, statistician and economist.

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New Wheat Plan

Further Proposals Are Made To Rehabilitate Wheat

London.—Twenty-one governments that subscribed to a wheat pact last autumn were called on by their advisory commission to consider further drastic proposals to rehabilitate wheat.

Among the projects were plans to upset the temporary low-price barrier on exports and recommendations for abolishing or curbing subsidies and increasing consumption of the commodity, it was learned authoritatively.

The proposals were contained in a confidential report drawn up by delegates of Canada and 14 other countries which are members of the international wheat advisory commission.

When the commission reassembles in Rome on April 5 the governments are expected to have given full consideration to the proposals and be ready to act.

Health Insurance For B.C.

Definite Plans To Be Worked Out By Government

Victoria.—Definite plans for a contributory state health insurance scheme under provincial control will be worked out by the British Columbia government in the six months following the coming session of the legislature, Hon. G. M. Weir, minister of education and provincial secretary, stated. It would be implemented, he added, as soon as a sound basis could be found for whatever scheme of contributions and benefits was decided upon.

It would be impossible to take action at the coming session of the legislature, Dr. Weir said, but given necessary time to work out a detailed insurance scheme, the government intended to act on the plan without waiting for institution of a system by the Dominion or in other provinces.

Titles Resolution

Labour Member For Hamilton East Makes New Motion

Ottawa.—Hon. Humphrey Mitchell, Labour member for Hamilton East, withdrew his "Titles Resolution" from the house of commons order paper and filed a substitute with the clerk, based on the suggestion made by Premier R. B. Bennett.

The new motion reads "that in the opinion of this house the prime minister should refrain from recommending to His Majesty the King the granting of titles, honors and awards to British subjects resident in Canada."

What Interest Moratorium

Victoria.—Extension of mortgage moratorium legislation to include interest as well as principal is sought in a resolution passed by the Union of British Columbia Municipalities in convention here. The union decided to ask the provincial legislature to provide that judges may remit interest as well as principal payments entirely within their own discretion.

GOVERNOR-GENERAL OPENS PARLIAMENT

Old Well On Prince's Ranch

High River, Alta.—The ranch of the Prince of Wales near here, well known as the K.P. ranch, came into the news with the spudding of a small well half a mile from the prince's property line and a mile and a quarter from the ranch house.

NEW DEPUTY MINISTER

William M. Dickson, who has been appointed Deputy Minister of Labor for Canada, Mr. Dickson has been private secretary to Hon. Wesley Gordon, Minister of Labor.

Problem Of The Idle

Hon. Arthur Meighen Says Canada Should Study Efforts Of Roosevelt

Ottawa.—Canada should study carefully and with a lot of sympathy the courageous efforts of the president of the United States to overcome the serious conditions which that country is faced, Rt. Hon. Arthur Meighen declared in the senate. As government leader in that chamber he was speaking on the address in reply to the speech from the throne.

Canada was doing, he believed, the best it could to meet the situation. Day by day, hour by hour, this great problem of the unemployed was being impressed upon him, Senator Meighen said.

He is survived by his widow:—three daughters, Ethel, Marjorie and Mary.

Searching For Coal

Mine Experts Have Already Found Iron Ore In Irish Area

Dublin.—The green of "Ould Ireland" may be covered by the smoke of industry if the Republican government is successful in its announced determination to make the Free State independent of the United Kingdom or any other country, for its fuel supplies.

French engineers and mining experts engaged in boring operations in the Arigna valley, County Leitrim, under government auspices, have discovered three rich veins of iron ore, it was announced. They were proceeding to search for coal.

Appoint Committee To Conduct Probe Into Industrial Conditions

Senator Forke Passes

One Of Manitoba's Honored Citizens Dies In 74th Year

Winnipeg.—Death claimed Senator Robert Forke, one of Manitoba's most honored farmer citizens. He died in hospital here in his 74th year.

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Illuminated Highways

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Intercollegiate Debates

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Appoint Committee To Conduct Probe Into Industrial Conditions

Ottawa.—The house of commons established machinery for the most sweeping parliamentary probe into industrial conditions ever attempted in Canada. With one voice, the house passed a motion sponsored by Premier R. B. Bennett to set up a committee of 11 members to investigate price spreads between consumers and producers.

Instructions to the committee were couched in the widest terms but emphasis was laid on investigation of mass buying practices by chain and department stores, labor conditions in industries; the relation between the flour milling industry and the bakeries of the country, and methods of marketing livestock and animal products of all sorts.

"What we have in mind," explained Hon. R. H. Stevens, minister of trade and commerce, "is to find out whether or not the indulgence of unfair and unethical practices is prevalent in this country and to find the causes; to ascertain as far as we possibly can, what remedies can be invoked and to report to the house from time to time, via the committee's findings with the recommendation of such measures as, in its opinion, may be considered necessary to secure fair and just prices in the distribution and marketing systems of Canada."

The real purpose of the inquiry, and the prime minister, was to evolve means to prevent the engraving of hazardous and detrimental business methods into Canada when economic recovery seemed imminent.

"The motion passed without a vote but only after four hours' discussion," said Rt. Hon. Macdonnell King, Liberal opposition leader, "but the government it should have started two or three years ago."

"If we wait until the Liberal leader," by the length of time parliamentary committees and royal commissions usually take to do their work, so far as this session is concerned, we should hardly be able to look for much in the way of legislation that will help effectively to meet what apparently the government recognizes to be a very serious condition. What I think the country is not satisfied in that the action is not taken further inquiry with respect to matters which nearly everyone knows a great deal, but legislation, if more is required, that will meet a situation that is already pretty well understood."

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pared to discuss their resolutions and distribution of C.P.R. pressed for other countries for industries making large profits and paying small wages; nationalization of the nickel industry to prevent manipulation of manufacturers; and government investigation of "financial promoters and manipulators."

In his combative speech, Mr. Butcher stressed the radio industry as an example. He said an investigation under the Dominion Combines act had found sufficient evidence to warrant court action against five major radio companies.

He called upon the federal government to lay charges on radio stations for duty against imported radio or revoke the patents. The alleged radio bias existed, he said, through false prices, set patent fees for radio receivers and increased competition.

W. N. U. 2032

Frozen Meat Products

Special Facilities At Port Of London To Prevent Deterioration

Completion by the government of Canada of a special chamber at the port of London for use in the handling of Canadian chilled and frozen meat products was announced by Hon. H. H. Stevens, minister of trade and commerce.

The chamber, which is of 30,000 cubic feet capacity, is designed to prevent the condensation of water vapor on frozen and chilled meat products when these are being removed from the cool air chambers of ocean transport.

Action is now being taken to place the new facilities at the disposal of Canadian exporters. The construction of the chamber is expected to result in an improvement in both the appearance and quality of Canadian meat products passing through the chamber on their way to the United Kingdom market.

Water vapor from the atmosphere collects on meat products when taken out of cool air chambers just as it collects on the outside of a glass of ice water on a summer day or freezes on the outside of a window on a winter day. When this occurs on meat products, the appearance is marred and the quality sometimes affected.

Particularly serious losses on a shipment of Canadian poultry late in 1932 resulted in W. A. Brown, chief of the poultry division of the livestock branch of the department of agriculture, taking action. The assistance of physicists of the National Research Council was requested, and the development in London has followed upon the investigation line undertaken.

The First Pawnbrokers

Business Started Thousands Of Years Ago In China

The history of pawnbroking is interesting. Like banking, it had its European origin in Italy, and almost everything else in that country goes back thousands of years to China, we are told. The Chinese were easy with their debtors, charging merely a nominal interest. In Europe the function of the pawnshop was at first, purely benevolent—hence their name "pawns of piety," established by the state with the blessing of the church, for the relief of the poor, lending money without interest. It was found, however, that the effort was doomed to failure, unless sufficient interest were charged to defray expenses. Bitter opposition to the change had to be overcome before official sanction was given and the business then became more or less commercialized. In England pawnbroking has remained largely in the hands of the Jews, but in many European countries the state assumes more or less responsibility for the institution.

Employees Can Be Trused

Honesty Of British Civil Service Valuable National Asset

Sir John Simon's tribute to the Foreign Office staff was well deserved. And, indeed, he might have extended it to the whole Civil Service. "Secret and confidential" documents, supposed to be seen only by a few high officials and responsible ministers, are, in fact and inevitably, seen by typists and stenographers, clerks and printers. Knowledge that could be sold profitably "in the city" is often in the possession of civil servants whose pay is certainly not excessive. Yet "leakages" hardly ever occur. The tradition of trustworthiness is an incalculably valuable national asset.—London Daily Herald.

Monument To Dr. Doolittle

Motor clubs from coast to coast in Canada will be asked to subscribe to a fund to erect a monument to the memory of Dr. Perry E. Doolittle, president of the Canadian Automobile Association and father of the "Trans-Canada" highway, who died at Toronto, December 31. The proposal is being supported by the Automobile Club of Ontario.

Origin Of Old Saying

"He's got the sack." It was formerly the custom for employers to be given the toolings of their mechanics while the latter were in their employ. If one of these mechanics was discharged he would be given back his bag or sack for his tools, so that he might go and seek another post. This seems the most reasonable derivation for the phrase, and it has received the widest acceptance.

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FAMOUS AIRMAN TRIES A NEW SPORT



Here we see Captain James Mollison, famous British aviator (second from left), all set to shoot away on the Bob at St. Moritz, Switzerland. With the trans-Atlantic flier are Baronne Graveline and Mr. and Mrs. Day from Los Angeles. Captain Mollison has not given up the idea of trying to set a new non-stop long distance record with Mrs. Mollison, but is waiting for the spring and good flying weather.

Question Still In Doubt

Whether Columbus Or Cabot Discovered Continent Of America

Just who did discover America? Christopher Columbus got away with the honor for a long time but the claim of John Cabot cannot be set aside. Christopher Columbus discovered the West Indies but not the continent of America. It is claimed John Cabot in 1497 bumped into the island of Cape Breton on the eastern Canadian shore at the tip of the province of Nova Scotia, thereby establishing a claim as the discoverer. Then along came claims on behalf of the Norsemen who also, it would appear, made landings in the province of Nova Scotia about the year 1000 A.D., having found them stones with runic inscriptions, one of which was found at the head of Yarmouth harbor and is now seen in the public library in that town. Now the Egyptians are being put forward, one of the basis for the claim being that when Christopher Columbus arrived he found the Indians calling the constellations of heavenly bodies by names similar to those bestowed by the ancient Egyptians, states the Tourist Bureau of the Canadian National Railways. In Mexico there were pyramids, hieroglyphs and sculptures in which the hair on the human figures portrayed is dressed much like that shown in Egyptian paintings.

Recent researches have also disclosed that some of the ancient songs of the Indians were of Chinese or Mongolian origin, so that there were Chinese on this continent thousands of years ago. In fact, some of the Indian tribes have a distinctly Mongolian "mush." It must be remembered that thousands of years ago there was no sea between Russia and Alaska, and it would have been quite possible for Orientals to travel overland from China to Alaska and Canada.

Elk Sent To Kamloops

Small Herd Shipped From Park At Watnigwilt, Alberta

Continuing the policy of restocking depleted areas with indigenous species of wild life from surplus herds, the department of the interior recently shipped a carload of wolverines and elk from Buffalo national park, Watnigwilt, Alberta, to Kamloops, British Columbia. This shipment, consisting of six males and 20 females, was made at the request of the government of British Columbia. The animals will be liberated in the country at the head of Adams Lake, an area eminently suited to the requirements of this species.

She (at concert): "What's that book the conductor looks like?"

He: "That's the score of the overture."

She: "Oh, really? Who's singing?"

He: "The orchestra."

Britain has saved about \$250,000 in one year in interest charges by refunding its national debts at a low rate of interest. Many cities in Canada would like to have an opportunity of doing the same thing.

Coal gas is being used as automobile fuel in many cities of England at a cost less than that of gasoline.

Twenty-Three Inches Tall

World's Smallest Man Weighs Only Twenty-Pour Pounds

The smallest adult human being in the world is claimed to be on exhibition at a North Street amusement resort in Belfast. His is Harold Pyott, the English midget. His age is twice his height in inches, his 40th birthday being in September. He weighs 24 lbs. and can sit comfortably inside an ordinary silk hat. His mind would fit inside an ordinary tin can. He is of strong and healthy constitution, and his mental faculties are fully developed. He is 12 inches less than the renowned General Tom Thumb of Barnum fame. He has travelled round the world, touring Africa as far back as 1903, played tennis in the pantomime, "Hop-o-my-Thumb," appeared three times before royalty.

French Still Fight Duels

Two-Minute Rounds Settle Many Affairs Of Honor

Affairs of honor are settled with swords or pistols in France. M. Armand Massard, the famous French fencer, who has just been elected President of the French Olympic Committee, estimates that about 30 secret duels are fought in the country every year. They take place in private grounds, with only a referee. Usually they consist of two rounds, with pauses of one minute between each. For sword-duelling, special gloves are worn to protect the hands and wrists. This makes it all the more dangerous, as it rules out the possibility of a duel being ended by a slight scratch.

Cat's Work For Nothing

Doctors of Santa Barbara County have served notice that on March 1 they intend to discontinue free clinic services for indigents in that part of California. After all, it is no more right to expect the doctors to do the medical and surgical work for nothing than it is to expect a storekeeper to give his goods for nothing.

There are thirty-two different types of climate distributed over the earth.

Might Be "Canada Place"

New Name Suggested For Island Site In London

We are interested to see the suggestion in a London evening newspaper that the Westminster City Council should give to the island site on which Canada House and the fine Sun Life of Canada building stands the name of "Canada Place." Years ago Canada suggested that the short length of Cockspur Street might be advantageously changed to "Canada Street," as it contains the offices on the south side of the Canadian National Railways and the Imperial Life of Canada and on the north side the great block of the Sun Life of Canada, adjoining Canada House. Possibly our contemporary's suggestion might be more acceptable to the Westminster authorities, because it would not do away with the old street name, but would merely give a new postal direction to the few buildings on the island site which consists only of the White Star Line, Sun Life of Canada, Canada House, and the Royal College of Physicians. We can warmly commend the suggestion to the Westminster City Council—Canada, London, Eng.

Bird-Banding Records

Yield Much Scientific Data Which Is Of Importance

Bird-banding in Canada and the United States is continuing to afford much new and valuable scientific data concerning the general life histories and the migrations of native wild birds many of which are of very great economic importance in their relation to man. Among some of the more recent records received in a list of a marsh hawk banded by W. Ray Salt at Rosebud, Alberta, last summer and shot at Oak Harbor, Washington during the month of September. A lesser scup duck banded by E. A. McIlhenry at Avery Island, Louisiana, on December 14, 1932, was killed in September, 1933, by Indians, 75 miles southwest of the town of Peace River, Alberta.

Frederie B. Elk, who died recently in Beccles, England, practiced law 76 years.

Styles Have Changed

Impossible To Fill Request From Northern Ontario Road Camp

People who read letters in the papers from the "boys" of the Northern road camps, asking for radio, magazines and newspapers, realize that the workers of the wastes are out of touch with trends of the world, but just how much out of touch they are was brought home to the Local Council of Women in Toronto, when a letter, appealing for discarded clothing for keeping the workers warm, was read. Among the things urgently required was material for making chokers belts for lamango sufferers.

"Ladies" discarded red flannel petticoats to the appeal said. Accustomed to providing many unusual articles for the sake of averting, the ladies of the council had to admit defeat. A quick check showed not so much as one red flannel petticoat available, or admittedly available, so unless several Toronto women would admit having some red flannel petticoats to send the boys, the council's parcels for the northern camps would have to be shipped minus these comforting articles.

In any case, the council shipped out four coats, slates for a hockey team, playing cards, candy and pizzas under the direction of Mr. W. J. Dyas.

Dickens Manuscript

"Life Of Christ," By Celebrated Novelist May Be Published For First Time

The "Life of Christ," by Charles Dickens, may appear in book form after all. The manuscript written by the celebrated novelist was discovered in the disposal of his grandchildren, following the recent death of the novelist's last surviving child, Sir Henry Dickens, is being eagerly sought by publishers. The offers of publishers were considered by the six grandchildren at a meeting in London, but it is understood the manuscript may be auctioned off. An offer of \$50,000 was made some years ago to Sir Henry but he preferred to leave the question of publication to be decided after his own death.

Incidentally it was learned the "Life of Christ," by Sir Hall Caine, completed shortly before his death some years ago, may also be published soon.

Is Butter King

S. Christiansen Carries Off Silver Trophy For Highest Score

S. Christiansen of the Minica Creamery, Manitoba, is the "butter king" of Canada today. In the second largest show of butter ever held in Winnipeg and the largest ever held in North America outside of Winnipeg's show of 1931, with competitors from practically every creamery in Manitoba and some from Alberta, Christiansen carried off the silver trophy given by the Canadian National for the highest total score in classes one to 12 of the exhibition at the Royal Alexandra, and in which the enormous total of 478 boxes of butter were entered. His score was 1,651.8 out of a possible 1,700. The cup becomes his property. He also won several other cups, prizes and \$50 in cash.

Pure Foods Legislation

Would Authorize Seizure Of Goods Improperly Labelled

To authorize the seizure and confiscation under the Meat and Canned Foods act of canned foods improperly labelled, an amendment to the act will be presented to parliament by Hon. Alfred Durnalee, acting minister of fisheries. The purpose of the amendment is to keep such goods off the market entirely. Official notice of his intention to introduce the corrective legislation was given by the minister.

As the law stands at present, a penalty not exceeding \$500 is provided for any breach of the pure food provision of the act, but no power to seize and confiscate is contained in the various clauses.

Marooned In Arctic

Seven members of the British Admiralty supply ship Challenge are marooned on the coast of Labrador, where they will be cut off from civilization until June or July. The only messages they will receive will be those picked up from the wireless station at Halifax, Nova Scotia. They chose to remain in the Arctic when the Challenger left for England for the winter.

Perfect Crime Impossible

Cues Usually Tell For Modern Science To Follow Up

Criminologists long have sought for the perfect crime and much study has been devoted to the analysis of the methods and manner of operating used by law violators, in order to determine if a crime can be committed without leaving some trace, clue or evidence.

No such crime has been discovered during the course of police history, and it is reasonable to assume that no such offence had occurred or it would have been duplicated in modern times.

A study of crime over many centuries as shown in available records and from the judicial opinions that have been handed down to us, indicates, according to some crime experts, that crime of to-day is no different than it was years ago.

True, the methods have improved through the instrumentalities of modern invention, but the basic means remain the same.

At the same time methods of detection and apprehension have improved to a like extent.

To-day's modern science has provided means of detection which render it more difficult for a crime to be committed and remain undetected.

Naturalists have taught that so man or animal can walk across a field or any place without in some manner leaving a trace, no matter how insignificant, definitely showing leaving some trace of his activity.

In a New England town a burglary was committed. Valuable silverware and other articles were taken from a dwelling house. There seemed to have been a lot of care taken by the burglar because the burglar experienced difficulty in finding a clue to his identity. It was even said that the burglar had been effected because no door or window had been broken.

But painstaking examination showed that the kitchen door had been opened with a pass key and relocked after the crime.

The investigators then minutely examined the route they believed the robber had taken from the door to the dining room and back.

They found half an apple on the floor, which was not a big clue, but the distinctness in the apple was the mark made by the teeth. Dentists could take the impression of the teeth and positively identify the robber, who had fairly eaten that apple.

A man suspected by the police as the possible burglar had furnished an alibi, but the police still were again and had an impression made of his teeth.

This was compared with the impression in the apple by dental experts and found to be the same. Because of this burglar's mistake in leaving the apple at the scene of the crime he was convicted for the offence.

Worst City Noise-Makers

Motorcycles Top List In Plebiscites Taken In England

Motorcycles provide the noisiest noise in a modern city, according to a national plebiscite conducted by a committee appointed by the British Association for the Advancement of Science.

The plebiscite resulted as follows: motorcycles, 350,000; radio cars, 200,000; air craft, 120,000; auto cars, 100,000; auto trucks, 95,000; radio and phonographs, 55,000; gramophones, 35,000; car horns, 37,000.

Twenty-six thousand people said dogs made the most noise.

Net Making Trip

Although it was suggested in the "gossip" column of the London Daily Telegraph the Prince of Wales might possibly go to Canada this year, the Canadian Press learned not so positively that a trip had not even been discussed. Prince George, however, sailed for a six-months' visit to South Africa and shortly after his return he will go to Australia and possibly New Zealand.

And rheumatism is always a possibility if she can't swim, as she said.

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